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THERE FOLLOWS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE HANDED TO THE  
AMBASSADOR BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MARCH 10 (REFTEL). SALUTATION  
AND COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING PARAS DELETED.

BEGIN QUOTE 1) YESTERDAY, MARCH 9, 1977, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GAVE THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC (OF  
URUGUAY) IN WASHINGTON, D.C. A REPORT PREPARED BY SAID DEPARTMENT  
ON URUGUAY IN WHICH THE POLITICAL AND JURIDICIAL SITUATION WITH  
RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IS ANALYZED ALONG WITH HUMAN RIGHTS  
REPORTS

OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT (THE DEPARTMENT) ALSO IN-  
FORMED THAT THE CITED REPORT, AND THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE  
PUBLISHED ABOUT MARCH 23.

2) THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY BELIEVES, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RE-  
SERVING THE RIGHT TO ASSUME IT (THE REPORT) WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED,  
THAT THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE MENTIONED REPORT IS JURIDICALLY  
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IMPROPER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES AND NORMS OF  
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CONSTITUTES, AS WELL, A CLEARLY UNFRIENDLY  
ACT ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MUTUAL AND RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING WHICH  
HAPPILY HAS ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUN-

TIRES.

3) IN RELATION TO THAT WHICH IS EXPRESSED IN 2 (ABOVE), (THE MINISTRY) WISHES TO SPECIFY: A) ON LAST FEBRUARY 28 THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY FORMALLY NOTIFIED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IT WAS WITHDRAWING ANY REQUEST FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND/OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES AND WHICH MIGHT BE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION, AWAITING DECISION. CONSEQUENTLY, URUGUAY CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN ANY BILATERAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROJECT - BE IT MILITARY OR ECONOMIC - OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT THOSE ALREADY AGREED TO. THUS, AS OF THE TIME OF THE FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF LAST FEBRUARY 28, ANY CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR ANY PUBLIC BODY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH RESPECT TO URUGUAY UNDER THE PRETEXT OF CONSIDERING PROJECTED BILATERAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WHICH URUGUAY HAS RENOUNCED, DOES NOT WISH AND WILL NOT UTILIZE, IS IMPROPER.

B) ALSO, JUDGMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE INTERNAL COMPETENCE OF OTHER STATES, SUCH AS ARE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH MOTIVATES THE PRESENT NOTE, IMPLY CLEAR INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF URUGUAY AND A VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE JURICIAL EQUALITY OF STATES WHICH THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT REJECTS MOST ENERGETICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES AND NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE FACT THAT THE PREPARATION OF SUCH A REPORT RESPONDS TO A REQUIREMENT OF UNITED STATES LAW DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE NOTED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

C) PUBLISHING THE REPORT IN QUESTION WOULD NOT ONLY CONFIRM VIOLATION OF THE SAME PRINCIPLES BUT ALSO, SPREADING CONTENTS WHICH RESPOND INTRINSICALLY TO AN EVIDENT LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE REAL URUGUAYAN SITUATION, CONSTITUTES A CLEARLY UNFRIENDLY ACT  
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TOWARDS URUGUAY.

4) FURTHERMORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY WISHES TO EXPRESS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ITS PROFOUND CONCERN OVER THE DETERIORATION WHICH THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARE CAUSING IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND IN THE FUNDAMENTAL INSTRUMENTS ON WHICH THIS RESTS, SUCH AS THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE.

5) FOR THE REASONS GIVEN, THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY REJECTS MOST ENERGETICALLY THE REFERENCED REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND

CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OUT OF RESPECT FOR EXISTING NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES WILL PUBLISH IT. END QUOTE.

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